not giving entirely raw rice but a portion of raw rice is being given. It is inavitable. We are trying our best to secure as much boiled rice as possible. But there is competition in getting raw rice even, and if we do not take raw rice we may not get any rice at all.

Then with regard to Fair Price Shops. The reason for rationing the Fair Price Shops was explained to the House in detail yesterday and the allotment for that is only Rs. 213. Then it was pointed out that in spite of repeated warnings of corruptions we are not responsive to the criticisms. I think it is contrary to the facts.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Please give us one instance in which you have acted according to the wishes of this Council in this matter.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Out of about 86 resolutions passed by the Committee of which the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri is the President we have taken action in accordance with the resolutions in regard to 26 cases and so also in the case of several other suggestions made by several other Committees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The papers, Sir, will belie that statement.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There are other mstters in which we have not taken action and this is one. We have been stating our case why we are unable to do so.

Then with regard to the distribution of paddy as paddy. We are in response to his suggestion trying to distribute paddy as paddy in the surplus taluk of Trichur.

Then as regards corruption with regard to the subordinate staff. It is very easy to make general accusations. I would request the Hon'ble Member to give me a concrete instance and I beg to assure him that we will be dealing very severely in all cases of corruption. We will be glad if the Hon'ble Member will help us by confidentially handing over to us any information in his possession instead of making general allegations of this sort. I request the House to grant the allotment.

Mr. P. Sankara Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Does the Government use to pay rent for buildings taken on rent? *(Laughter)*.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Unfortunately there has been some delay in some cases. We are trying to avoid such delays in future. The difficulty arises like this. There is a lot of bargaining about the rent.

Demand put and carried

57. "A1-b-Collection and Transport charges"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,96,250 under "A1-b-Collection and Transport Charges". The Forest Department has undertaken to supply 7,500 tons of timber in all to the A. T. T. Tatas and Malabar Plywood works. About 300 tons of timber are also to be collected for sale according to necessity. The collection and transport charges of this quantity of timber come to Rs. 2,96,250. The revenue anticipated by sale of the above quantity is Rs. 6,24,000. As there is no provision in the budget for the collection and transport charges an additional allotment is required. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മിലിട്ടറി സപ്ലിസിലേക്ക മരം, വീടു മുതലായവ കൊണ്ടുപോയ വഴിയിൽക്കൂടി ഇതും കൊണ്ടുവന്നുകൂടെ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests)*: The same road is going to be used for this purpose.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Mukundapuram-Ezhuvas)*: What species of timber, please?

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Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* It is all miscellaneous jungle timber which has not got a market in the State.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മരം വെട്ടിയതുകൊണ്ടാണ് മഴ ശരിയായി ഉണ്ടാകാത്തത് എന്ന മനസ്സിലായിട്ടും ഇനിയും അതു നശിപ്പിക്കുവാനാണോ പുറപ്പെട്ടതു?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Firstly, that assumption that cutting down trees in any way affects the precipitation of rain is wrong. Secondly, we are not overfelling. Our forest so far has not been developed for want of communication lines. The opening of the Anamalais road about 45 to 50 miles of which runs through reserve forests will enable us to develop practically virgin jungle area to the extent of 200 to 300 square miles. It is up to the Forest Department to work it to the advantage of the State.

Demand put and carried

58. "A5-Communications and Buildings"

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, I rise to move for additional allotment of Rs. 22,000 under "A5-Communications and Buildings". Two wooden bridges are proposed to be constructed along the Kallampara—Thanikudan road to facilitate lorry transport by that road. As the Ambalapad area has been planted, carts transporting Forest Produce are using the Thanikudam—Ambalapad lorry road. If carts are allowed to use this unmetalled road in course of time it will become useless for transport except in summer. Hence the necessity for metalling the road. These works are to be taken up this year itself.

Demand put and carried

The Cochin Payment of Slaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, as explained in the statement that was read to the House yesterday, I beg leave of the House to introduce the following amendments to the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.—

"In clause I of the Bill for the words and figures "15th day of Mithunam 1120", the words and figures "1st day of Chingam 1121" shall be substituted".

The amendment is to bring into effect the salaries provided by this Bill from the 1st of Chingam of the current year instead of the 15th Mithunam last. I request that the amendment may be accepted.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Amendment put and carried

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move the following amendment to clause 3 of the Bill.—

"In clause 3, the second proviso to section 4(2) shall be deleted".

The intention is that none should be eligible for both daily allowance and Railway Fare on the same day. Railway fare is granted at one and a half times the rate of the class allowed. In this particular case one and a half times the first class is allowed. The extra half of the railway fare is intended to cover contingencies and other costs of travel. Therefore it is not right to have the Daily Allowance also for the same day.

Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* Will milage be allowed for the same day.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Milage and Daily allowance cannot be allowed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Governmen):* Milage limited to daily allowance.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I oppose this amendment. I had been responsible for the amendment which is now sought to be deleted. Then I had the support of the House—support of course of not all the Members. Those of the Hon'ble Members who remember the nature of the voting at that time will bear out my statement that it was a curious process of voting that was had at that time. At the instance of the Ministerialist party, the reserved half of the Government brought forward an amending Bill to this House.

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